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1. LOCAL PRESS IN LIBREVILLE HAS REPORTED VISIT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO BY GSTP PRIMIN TROVOADA TO CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE AND FURTHER VISIT NOW UNDERWAY TO CUBA.

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2. IN CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 29, GOG PRESIDENT BONGO REFERRED AGAIN (AS HE HAD IN NEW YORK) TO FACT THAT CUBANS AND SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO WEAN STP AWAY FROM GABONESE COUNSELS OF MODERATION, AND CITED CURRENT TROVOADA VISIT TO HAVANA AS LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THAT REGARD. BONGO SAID THAT TROVOADA'S VISIT TO BRAZZAVILLE PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS, SINCE "CONGOLESE ARE TOO POOR TO DO ANYTHING FOR STP, " BUT HE EXPRESSED SOMEWHAT GREATER CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE RESULTS OF HAVANA TRIP. BONGO ADDED THAT TROVOADA BYPASSED LIBREVILLE FOR FIRST TIME ON HIS LATEST TRAVELS, FLYING FROM SAO TOME TO LUANDA TO CATCH ONWARD FLIGHT TO HAVANA.

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3. PRESIDENT MADE NO FURTHER REFERENCE TO ALLEGED "REPORT"
ON NETO'S PERSUASIVE EFFORTS WITH GSTP, AND QUICK CHANGE
OF SUBJECT BY PRESIDENT PRECLUDED FURTHER DISCUSSION ON
TOPIC. WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO QUESTION IN
FUTURE MEETING, BUT PRESIDENT'S FAILURE MENTION IT AGAIN
SUGGESTS HIS ORIGINAL IMPULSE MAY HAVE YIELDED TO SECOND
THOUGHTS. STEIGMAN

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